

PATENT  
674525-2001**REMARKS**

This Response is further to the Amendment originally filed by Express Mail on March 24, 2004, a confirmation copy of which was filed on May 13, 2004 by facsimile. Claims 48, 50 and 52-55 are pending in this application. Claims 1-47, 49 and 51 have been cancelled. Claims 52-55 have been added.

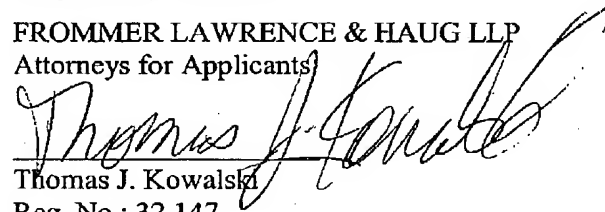
The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment required resubmission of the section of the Amendment document containing the non-compliant provision. The entire "Amendments to the Claims" section is provided above, and is believed to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Entry and consideration of the March 24, 2004 Amendment is requested.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP  
Attorneys for Applicants

By:

  
Thomas J. Kowalski  
Reg. No.: 32,147  
(212) 588-0800